

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



**IT WAS INTENSE, BUT IT WAS FUN!
VOMARC VHF/UHF CONTEST OPERATION
AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT FAMILY FUN
DAY**

**FROM THE TOP: Are You
Ready for Field Day!!!!.**

**The June 20 meeting will be
in McDougal Hall at SDC.**

This month we will finalize
details for Field Day, June 23-24.

If you want to work HF, Field Day is a great event to get hands on experience. **The VOMARC Field Day operation will be in Maxwell Park, next to the Boys and Girls Club.**

Stop by and say hi and if you have time, stay a while and make a few contacts and have a few laughs.

Where does the time go? It seems like we just had the hamfest and now we are getting ready for field day. In preparation for field day, Jim, K6UUW, Darrel, WD6BOR and I made a few modifications to the portable tower. (actually Darrel made the modifications and Jim and I bolted a few parts on). A crank up section was added to the tower to get it up another 20 feet. (just don't do it on a windy day).

The new tower set up was tested at the Sonoma Sky Park open house on June 9, which was the same day as the start of the ARRL VHF QSO party. Jim, Darrel, Eileen, Ken and I mounted three antennas to the tower for 6 meter, 2 meter and 70 cm. The tower worked great and we made a number of contacts for the contest. I don't think we will be winning any awards, but we had a good time and got a chance to try the tower improvements. The best contact was on 6 meters down into Arizona (about 600 miles). There is another VHF QSO Party in September if you are interested in participating.

We are going to need lots of help getting the tower up for field day this year! The extension needs lots of guy ropes, so all available hands will be greatly appreciated.

The July meeting will be a BBQ and Jim, K6UUW, has volunteered the use of his back yard and pool. More information and directions will be sent out in the July newsletter

We still need net control stations for the VOMARC Wednesday night net for Jul, Aug, Sept and Dec. Let me know if you are interested.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting.

73,
Dave, KD6FIL



The Field Day tower has a new look. Thanks to Darrel, WD6BOR, Dave, KD6FIL, and Jim, K6UUW, the tower now has an extendible mast section in the center. This should give us another 20 ft of height. Three sections of TV mast were supported with guides and a winch added for lifting.

To try the system out, Dave, Eileen, Ken and Jim took up Darrel's invitation to put up a station at the airport on 8th St. It turns out that that was the weekend for the ARRL VHF/UHF contest, so we decide to give it a try.

Three bands, 6m, 2m and 70 cm, were selected. A three element yagi was used for 6m, a 10 element yagi for 2m and a 12 element yagi for 70 cm. (thanks to Stan for the loan).

Twenty nine contacts were made in a span of 3 hours, mostly in our nearly grid squares, although a couple were made to Arizona on 6 meters. We all had a good time and there is another contest like this on Sept. 10,11.

73, Jim, K6UUW



There is always room for a swap or for sale item in the newsletter. If you have a few things lying around the shack that will go completely out of date in a few months, email the newsletter editor with a description and details such as asking price, name and phone number.

We are also always looking for news items for the Wireless. It's your club and your hobby, so go out and do something fun, and then write up a paragraph or two for the other VOMARC members to read and enjoy. 73, Yer Editur

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE:
<http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:
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**NOTICE!!! THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, AT 7:30 P.M. AT MCDOUGAL
HALL AT SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER
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